

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 2242

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served July 27, 1981

Investigation of Proposal to  
Implement Fuel Surcharge

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Case No. MP-81-08

By Order No. 2226, served May 28, 1981, the Commission instituted this investigation to consider whether some rule or procedure might be appropriate to adjust the fuel-cost-related aspect of rates for certain types of transportation within our jurisdiction. All persons holding WMATC authority were made parties to this proceeding and were directed to file their comments and proposals no later than June 29, 1981. Only Beltway Limousine Service, Inc., and Airport Limo, Inc., filed comments. \*/ The Virginia State Corporation Commission provided a copy of its General Order regarding an emergency fuel surcharge for Greyhound Lines, Inc., and its affiliated Virginia carriers.

While the four carriers which filed comments all believe that a fuel adjustment regulation should be adopted, there is little consensus on what formula would be appropriate. Accordingly, the Commission would be called upon to devise its own formula and impose it on the industry. At this time, such action is not warranted.

During the pendency of this proceeding, there has been little change in the cost of fuel. Gasoline and diesel prices appear to have stabilized or even decreased. Various U. S. government agencies have suggested that this trend is likely to continue in the foreseeable future. Moreover, the fact that 47 of the 51 carriers holding

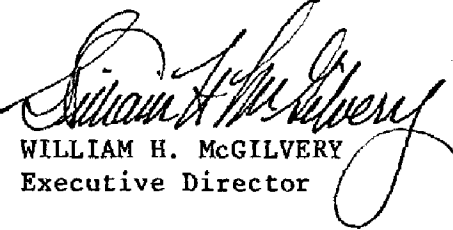
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\*/ McMichael School Bus Service, Inc., and Yellow Bus Lines, Inc., had filed comments before Order No. 2226 was issued.

authority from this Commission did not bother to file comments on this proposal strongly indicates that a case-by-case approach to ratemaking would continue to be the most effective method of dealing with operating expense increases.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the above-captioned investigation be, and it is hereby, discontinued.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION, COMMISSIONERS CLEMENT, SCHIFTER AND SHANNON:



WILLIAM H. MCGILVERY  
Executive Director